

SUMMERS WITH GRANDPARENTS AND COUSINS AT MOLINE, TEXAS

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I will be thinking about all of you and so many that I never met, but I have so many good memories of traveling to Texas during the summers to see Marion and Pearl Cox. One year I remember going during WWII when we got into a convoy of military trucks and it slowed us down a lot. We saved gas stamps to get to go. Mama had passed away, it was a sad time for all of us children. But getting to go see Grandma, Grandpa, and Uncle Ernest was special to us. I remember Uncle Ernest taking us to Moline and buying us strawberry or orange sodas, that was such a treat to us. I remember Grandma's wonderful gingerbread and no one could make fried potatoes like she did in her wood stove. She always knew it wasn't good for us, but we didn't care. I remember her ice tea which was so special and the ice we had to pick up in Moline. I remember Uncle Ernest and his playful and fun personality as he teased all of us kids and gave us nicknames. Night would come and the crickets would start up their symphony and we would all go to the porch and listen to the wonderful tales of Uncle Ernest, Uncle John, and Uncle Joe in the things they did. We had a lot of wonderful laughs. I remember my grandfather and his stern look at the table when all we kids would have to be quiet and one snicker out of any of us brought that look. Grandpa was a man of few words. I can still see Grandpa pour his coffee into his saucer and blow on it and his mustache soaking up the coffee. Grandma had a corner cabinet that smelled of wonderful spices. I remember Grandma making biscuits and how good they were. I remember all the cousins coming and getting to know them. My memories could go on for a long time. Now so many of the cousins are gone. Living so far away we did not get to know their children. So "hello" to all the ancestors I most likely never get to know. Have a great time. Helen Tarry Hare, daughter of Joe and Hazel Cox Tarry.

Note: Helen Tarry Hare is descended from Solomon and Naomi Hussey Cox through Thomas Isaac and Rachel Carr Cox, Solomon and Elizabeth Johnston Cox, Pleasant C. and Martha Jane Bybee Cox, and Francis Marion and Iola Pearl Sims Cox. This was written before the 2014 Lampasas, Texas reunion. The Cox cousins always gathered at our grandparents' farm at Moline when the New Mexico cousins came to visit. These were wonderful times that created wonderful memories, as Helen has recorded. I was fortunate to be one of those cousins. Grandma Iola Pearl Sims Cox was one of the great influences in my life. Joe Cox, Jr.